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MEDIA RELEASE

**TIFF ANNOUNCES TIFF 2021 AWARDS
PEOPLE'S CHOICE, PLATFORM PRIZE, IMDbPRO SHORT CUTS AWARDS, FIPRESCI PRIZE, NETPAC
AWARD, CANADA GOOSE AMPLIFY VOICES AWARDS, AND SHAWN MENDES FOUNDATION
CHANGEMAKER AWARD TO CLOSE 46TH EDITION OF FESTIVAL**

Ticket pricing and on sale dates also announced

TORONTO – The 2021 Toronto International Film Festival® is quickly approaching, and TIFF is excited to announce ticket pricing for public audiences at all TIFF 2021 venues. Additionally, TIFF is delighted to share the full slate of awards that will be announced at the close of the Festival on September 18, 2021.

“TIFF’s annual awards are imperative to the film industry’s ecosystem,” said Cameron Bailey, TIFF Co-Head and Artistic Director, and Joana Vicente, TIFF Co-Head and Executive Director. “Even in an ever-changing year, TIFF remains committed to highlighting films that celebrate all stories, diversity, creativity, and originality.”

PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD – A longstanding tradition at TIFF, the People’s Choice Award marks its 44th year in 2021. Audience members who purchase a ticket are encouraged to place a vote for their favourite films online via tiff.net. Recent People’s Choice winners include *Nomadland* (2020) and *Jojo Rabbit* (2019). All feature films in TIFF’s Official Selection are eligible for this award.

PLATFORM – Named after Jia Zhang-ke’s groundbreaking 2000 film *Platform*, the Platform Prize spotlights films with high artistic merit and strong directorial vision. All films invited to the Platform programme are eligible for this award, which is selected by an international jury. As previously announced, Academy Award-nominated actor Riz Ahmed will serve as the head of the 2021 Platform Prize jury. The winning filmmaker will receive a \$20,000 CAD cash prize.

The FIPRESCI Prize is presented by an international jury selected by the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI). Founded in 1930, the federation awards the prize at international film festivals to promote film art and to encourage new and emerging filmmakers to contribute to cinema. This year’s Toronto FIPRESCI prize is dedicated to emerging filmmakers premiering a feature-length film worldwide at TIFF. Jury members include Andrew Kendall, Esin Kücküktepeinar, Gilbert Seah, Teresa Vena and Caspar Salmon.

IMDbPro AWARDS – The 2021 IMDbPro Short Cuts Awards are Best Film, Best Canadian Film, and the **Share Her Journey Award** for best film by a woman. IMDbPro will provide each of the three winners with a bursary of \$10,000 CAD and a one-year membership to IMDbPro, the essential resource for entertainment industry professionals, to help them continue achieving success in their careers. These awards build on IMDbPro’s nearly 20-year history of empowering entertainment professionals to discover new talent and projects, and on its ongoing commitment to supporting and collaboratively working with organizations that create greater diversity, equity, and inclusion in the entertainment industry, including TIFF’s Share Her Journey initiative. Jury members include Sudeep Sharma, Tiffany Hsiung and Nicole Delaney.

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Presented by the **Network for the Promotion of Asian Pacific Cinema, the NETPAC Award** recognizes films specifically from the Asian and Pacific region. The jury consists of three members of the international community selected by TIFF and NETPAC, who award the prize to the best Asian or Pacific Islands film. Jury members include Gemma Cubero del Barrio, Isabelle Glachant and Elhum Shakerifar.

AMPLIFY VOICES AWARDS PRESENTED BY CANADA GOOSE – These awards will be presented to the three best feature films by under-represented filmmakers. Canada Goose embraces diversity in all its forms and definitions, including technique and passion that transports storytelling to screen. All feature films in Official Selection by emerging self-identified BIPOC filmmakers and all Canadian features are eligible, and the three winners will receive \$10,000 CAD each. Jury members include Yung Chang, Calvin Thomas, Kaniehtiio Horn, Hugh Gibson and Aisha Jamal.

SHAWN MENDES FOUNDATION CHANGEMAKER AWARD – Presented by the Shawn Mendes Foundation, the 2021 Changemaker Award is awarded to an emerging filmmaker at the Festival whose work tackles issues of social change, and comes with a \$10,000 CAD cash prize. The winning film will be selected by TIFF's Next Wave Committee, a group of young film lovers who recognize cinema's power to transform the world.

TIFF is also excited to announce this year's ticket access and pricing for audiences.

TICKET PRICING FOR FESTIVAL 2021 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Tickets for TIFF's in-person venues – TIFF Bell Lightbox, Roy Thomson Hall, the Visa Screening Room at the Princess of Wales Theatre, Cinesphere Theatre at Ontario Place, and Scotiabank Theatre:

- Regular film screenings: \$25 including taxes + fees
- Premium film screenings: \$40 including taxes + fees

Drive-in screenings – Visa Skyline Drive-In and RBC Lakeside Drive-In at Ontario Place:

- Car with 1–2 people: \$49 including taxes + fees
- Car with 3+ people: \$69 including taxes + fees

Open-air cinema screenings – West Island Open Air Cinema at Ontario Place

- Lawn access for 2 people: \$38 including taxes + fees

Digital TIFF Bell Lightbox:

- Regular film screenings: \$19 including taxes + fees
- Premium film screenings: \$26 including taxes + fees

TIFF Bell Digital Talks

- In Conversation With... events: \$12 including taxes + fees (FREE for TIFF Members)

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ON-SALE DATES & CATEGORIES

- August 26 Individual tickets for in-person and digital events go on sale to TIFF Patrons Circle Members according to level
- August 28 Ticket transfers for in-person and digital events open
(Note: Ticket transfers for digital events are only available until **September 7 at 5pm**)
- August 29 Digital ticket package redemption begins for TIFF Members, by level. Closes Sept. 2 at 6pm
- September 4 Individual tickets go on sale to Contributors Circle and Members 365
- September 5 Individual tickets go on sale to TIFF Insiders
- September 6 Individual tickets go on sale to the public
- September 8 Ticket exchanges for in-person events open

The schedule for the general public's screenings will be available on the TIFF website at tiff.net/schedule on Tuesday, August 24 at 10am EDT. The screening schedule for Press & Industry screenings, the Industry Conference, and TIFF Bell Digital Talks programming will be available on TIFF's website. Printed copies of the TIFF 2021 schedule will not be available.

The Government of Canada opened its borders for non-essential travel from American citizens and permanent residents on August 9, 2021 and plans to open to citizens of any country on September 7, 2021, provided that the domestic epidemiologic situation remains favourable, and that visitors have been fully vaccinated with Government of Canada-approved vaccines (Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, Janssen - Johnson & Johnson - AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD) at least 14 days prior to entering Canada. Those meeting these requirements can travel to Canada without having to quarantine, including the elimination of the three-night hotel quarantine policy. As of August 17, 63.7% of Canada's population is fully vaccinated, one of the highest vaccination rates in the world. Toronto boasts the highest percentage of fully-vaccinated citizens in North America with 74.3% as of the same date.

As a result of the opening of the border and increased capacities in cinemas in Ontario, TIFF has added to its list of venues to accommodate a number of additional in-person Public and Press & Industry screenings. TIFF Festival venues include: TIFF Bell Lightbox and marquee venues the Visa Screening Room at the Princess of Wales Theatre and Roy Thomson Hall, Scotiabank Theatre, and the Cinesphere IMAX Theatre at Ontario Place, plus outdoor screening venues at Ontario Place Festival Village, including the Visa Skyline Drive-In, the RBC Lakeside Drive-In, and the West Island Open Air Cinema. Press & Industry screenings will be held at the Scotiabank Theatre and TIFF Bell Lightbox. Public in-person screenings will have limited press and industry access.

Additionally, digital Public screenings will be programmed on digital TIFF Bell Lightbox for the accessibility of Festival-goers but are limited to Canadian audiences. The TIFF Digital Cinema Pro platform will host digital Press & Industry screenings, as well as the TIFF Industry Selects market for industry buyers. Films available to press and industry on TIFF Digital Cinema Pro will be accessible to delegates worldwide; however, some exceptions may occur where the film rights holders have not authorized an online screening in selected

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regions. The TIFF Bell Digital Talks platform will host a variety of Public and Press & Industry talks, including the In Conversation With... talks series, the Industry Conference, and Press Conferences.

TIFF continues to work closely with the Province of Ontario, the City of Toronto, and public health officials on the safe execution of the Festival, with its number-one priority being the health and well-being of both Festival filmgoers and residents of the community. To help ensure the safest possible experience, TIFF has once again partnered with Medcan, a global health care leader providing medical expertise, consultation, and health inspiration to achieve its mission to help people “Live Well, For Life.” Based on the pillars of evidence-based care, exceptional client service, and the latest in technology, Medcan’s team of over 90 physicians supports employee health care across the continuum of health, including its “Safe at Work System,” which helps organizations navigate the pandemic.

Please visit tiff.net for more information.

The 46th Toronto International Film Festival runs September 9–18, 2021.

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TIFF is a not-for-profit cultural organization whose mission is to transform the way people see the world through film. An international leader in film culture, TIFF projects include the annual Toronto International Film Festival in September; TIFF Bell Lightbox, which features five cinemas, learning and entertainment facilities; and innovative national distribution program Film Circuit. The organization generates an annual economic impact of \$200 million CAD. TIFF Bell Lightbox is generously supported by contributors including Founding Sponsor Bell, the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, the City of Toronto, the Reitman family (Ivan Reitman, Agi Mandel and Susan Michaels), The Daniels Corporation and RBC. For more information, visit tiff.net.

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